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In re Application of:)
Akibito NISHIKAWA)
Application No. 09/918,303) Art Unit: 2125
Filed: July 30, 2001) Examiner: Rapp, Chad
For: Product Design Process and Product)
Design Apparatus)

FIRST RESPONSE

**Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

Sir:

Responsive to the Office action dated October 6, 2004 in the patent application identified above, please enter the following amendments and reconsider the application in view of the appended remarks. A request for a three-month extension of time accompanies this response.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 16 of this paper.